Raising Kashmir issue by Pakistan at the U.N.

1597. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan's ambassador Mr. Kamal Hasan had again raised the allegations of Human Rights violation by Indian Security Forces in Kashmir at the United Nation's recent Session, and sought implementation of the U.N. resolutions on Kashmir, if so, the precise nature and content of his statement at the U.N.; and

(b) what was the Indian response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. At the current UNGA session, Pakistan's permanent Representative has alleged that Indian Security forces have committed human rights abuses in J&K. He also asked for implementation of the Security Council resolutions, which call for a Plebiscite.

(b) The Indian delegation in its response pointed out the pervasive, state-sponsored and prevalent abuses of human rights in Pakistan, and Pakistan's direct involvement in terrorist activities in J&K. The Indian representative stated that J&K is an integral part of India and Pakistan continues to occupy part of Indian State of J&K in violation of Security Council resolutions.

Steps to check activities of Naxalites in Maharashtra

1598. SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Naxalites who are recorded to be actively working in the Chandrapur, Gaddrirole and Bhandara Districts of Maharashtra;

(b) what steps are being taken to monitor and curb their activities; and

(c) what is the long term plan to eliminate Naxalites from this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) As per available information, about 70 naxalites are reported to be active in Chandrapur, Gadchiroli and Bhandara districts of Maharashtra.

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the Govt. of Maharashtra to devise various methods and take concrete steps in this regard. At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-naxalite operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of naxalite activities among the States. Further, help is being provided to the State governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc.

(c) as per available reports, Government of Maharashtra has launched long term measures comprising welfare schemes for tribals, and development of backward regions in those districts as well as providing other amenities and implementing employment guarantee scheme so that the support base of naxailites is reduced.

पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि प्रस्ताव

1599. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:**
श्री येरा नारायणस्वामी:

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार घरेलू तथा अन्य उपयोगों के लिये पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों, जैसे कि रसोई गैस और मिट्टी के तेल के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार